

Candidates for first-class certificates must have served, while in possession of a second-class certificate, in vessels of horse-power not less than that specified in Rule 52, and have been in charge of the whole of a watch on the main machinery.

First-class candidates must, in addition to service in such vessels, have performed not less than six months' qualifying service in the foreign trade, or nine months' similar service in the home trade.

Service performed by engineers in fishing or other vessels which is not similar to that usually performed by engineers in the mercantile marine cannot be accepted as qualifying; and the examiner should in all cases satisfy himself that service performed in such vessels, when claimed as qualifying for a certificate of competency as engineer, is of the requisite quality.

#### SERVICE IN YACHTS.

66. Service performed in yachts, either within or beyond home-trade limits, may be accepted as equivalent to two-thirds of the same period of time served in foreign-going vessels, provided that the applicant's name is entered on the vessel's articles, and that he can prove that the service claimed was actually performed at sea.

Candidates for second-class certificates may perform the whole of their service in yachts, but they must have been on regular watch on main propelling machinery of the requisite horse-power (see Rule 48).

Candidates for first-class certificates must have performed their service in vessels of horse-power not less than that specified in Rule 52, and must have been in regular charge of the main propelling machinery. They must also have served for at least three months in a qualifying capacity on board a foreign-going ship.

A candidate for a first-class certificate who can prove not less than twenty-seven months' qualifying service as first engineer, or three years' qualifying service as second engineer, of a yacht will not be required to perform this additional service.

### CHAPTER III.—RULES RELATING TO THE CONDUCT OF THE EXAMINATIONS.

#### COMMENCEMENT AND DURATION OF EXAMINATION.

67. The examinations will, as a rule, commence at 9.30 a.m. on the days appointed, and will be continued from day to day until all the candidates are examined.

#### CANDIDATES TO BE PUNCTUAL.

68. Candidates are required to appear at the examination-room punctually at the time appointed.

#### STRANGERS NOT ADMITTED.

69. No persons will be allowed in the examination-rooms during the examinations other than those whose duties require them to be present. No instructors will be allowed on the premises.

#### COMMUNICATION BETWEEN CANDIDATES NOT ALLOWED.

70. No communication whatever between the candidates should be allowed during the examinations; and candidates should be so placed as to prevent one copying from another.

#### EXAMINATION-PAPERS.

71. Envelopes containing examination-papers must not be opened by any person other than the Examiner, who shall see that they have not been tampered with. The Examiner shall open these envelopes only at the commencement of the examination, and he is expected to take special precautions to preclude the possibility of any unauthorized person having access to the papers.

#### DESKS TO BE CLEARED.

72. Before the examination commences the desks must be cleared of all scraps of paper, or books that are not used in the examination. A sheet of blotting-paper will be issued to each candidate at the commencement of the examination, and it must be returned to the Examiner on completion of the papers each day.